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Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development was adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its first session in February 1994.

Item 2. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in Preparatory Committee decision 2

At its first session, the Preparatory Committee adopted decision 1/2 D on the participation of non-governmental organizations, in which it reiterated the importance of the full participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process of the World Summit for Social Development, and stressed that participation would be required at the national level, as well as at the regional and international levels. The Committee also recognized the valuable contribution made by non-governmental organizations at its first session and encouraged all non-governmental organizations to continue to extend their support of and participation in the preparatory process for the Summit, in accordance with established practice. It decided to consider at its second session, in August 1994, the accreditation of additional non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in decision 2, adopted at its organizational session.

A number of non-governmental organizations have requested accreditation to the Summit and its preparatory process, and the Secretariat has evaluated those requests and made recommendations for consideration by the Preparatory Committee.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in Preparatory Committee decision 2 (A/CONF.166/PC/11/Add.1)

Item 3. Status of the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Status of the Trust Fund

(b) Public information programmes

At its first session, the Preparatory Committee adopted decision 1/2 A on the Trust Fund for the World Summit for Social Development, in which it noted the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Trust Fund in response to General Assembly resolution 47/92. The Committee also reiterated the importance of voluntary contributions for the preparatory process of the World Summit, notably with regard to the participation of the least developed countries, and urged all States and private and public organizations and individuals to contribute to the Trust Fund. Updated information on the Trust Fund has been prepared by the Secretariat.

At the same session, the Committee recalled its decisions adopted at its organizational session, concerning public information for the purpose of creating awareness at the local, national, regional and international levels of the core issues of the World Summit, as well as its objectives, and noted the programme of public information proposed by the Department of Public Information, the Joint United Nations Information Committee and other bodies. It stressed the importance of a broad programme of public information and the

active involvement of the media in bringing the Summit to the attention of a wide audience, and encouraged all organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to include references to the Summit and its core issues in their public information activities. The Secretariat has prepared updated information on the public information programme for the Summit.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the status of preparations for the World Summit for Social Development, including the status of the Trust Fund and public information programmes (A/CONF.166/PC/15)

Item 4. Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft declaration and draft programme of action

The Preparatory Committee, at its first session, held in February 1994, decided to consider at its second session a draft on the expected outcome of the World Summit, consisting of a draft declaration and a draft programme of action. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to prepare those documents on the basis of the three core issues and the 11 objectives contained in paragraphs 5 and 6 of General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992 and in the light of the debate that took place at the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council in 1993 and during the first session of the Preparatory Committee, to be issued not later than 1 June 1994. It further decided that the draft declaration should be in three parts and the draft programme of action in five parts. The Secretary-General has prepared a draft declaration and draft programme of action for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its second session.

The Preparatory Committee also invited Governments to communicate their views on a draft declaration and a draft programme of action to the Secretariat and requested the Secretariat to circulate those views at its second session. The Secretariat has received a number of comments and views from Governments and will make them available at the second session of the Committee.

The Committee, by its decision 1/2 B on seminars, workshops and other activities, encouraged the United Nations, the United Nations system, Member States and other concerned actors in the preparatory process of the Summit to organize seminars, workshops and other expert meetings on issues of direct relevance to the Summit, including, in particular, the question of the reduction and elimination of poverty.

An expert group meeting on poverty was held at Lusaka in June 1994, organized jointly by the United Nations and the World Bank. The Secretariat will transmit the report of that meeting to the Preparatory Committee at its second session.

By its decision 1/2 C on national arrangements and reports, the Preparatory Committee recalled its decision 3, adopted at its organizational session, in which it emphasized the desirability of promoting national preparations that could include, inter alia, the preparation of national reports. It took note with appreciation of the national reports made available to the Committee at its

first session, and encouraged the preparation of such reports during the course of 1994. Reports received before or during the second session of the Committee, in August 1994, will be made available to the Committee.

By its decision 1/2 E on participation of organizations of the United Nations system, the Preparatory Committee welcomed the reports of the specialized agencies, programmes and organizations of the United Nations system and their participation at its first session, and encouraged all parts of the United Nations system to continue to contribute to the preparatory process. The Secretariat will transmit these contributions to the Committee at its second session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General entitled "Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft declaration and draft programme of action" (A/CONF.166/PC/L.13)

Note by the Secretariat on the review of existing international commitments by Member States through international instruments relevant to social development and the three core issues (A/CONF.166/PC/16)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the expert meeting on poverty (A/CONF.166/PC/17)

Note by the Secretariat on activities of the United Nations system within the framework of the core issues (A/CONF.166/PC/18)

Note by the Secretariat on information on social development publications and indicators in the United Nations system (A/CONF.166/PC/19)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting contributions of organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to the World Summit for Social Development (A/CONF.166/PC/20 and addenda)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting views of Governments on a draft declaration and a draft programme of action (A/CONF.166/PC/21 and addenda)

Item 5. Draft provisional rules of procedure of the Summit

At its first session, held in February 1994, the Preparatory Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to defer its substantive debate on the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Summit to its second session, in August 1994.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional rules of procedure for the Summit

Item 6. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Preparatory Committee

At its organizational session, held in April 1993, the Committee adopted decision 9 on dates for the Summit and decided, inter alia, that the third session of the Preparatory Committee would be convened from 16 to 27 January 1995 in New York.

The Secretariat will prepare a draft provisional agenda for the third session of the Preparatory Committee for its consideration.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the third session of the Preparatory Committee

Item 7. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

It is envisaged that the Preparatory Committee will, during its second session, prepare and adopt a report which will be submitted to the General Assembly.